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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: POSSIBLE US POLICY STATEMENT

REF: (A) BELGRADE 3602; (B) USUN 2848; (C) BELGRADE 3616

SUMMARY: WE SUPPORT BELGRADE'S PROPOSAL FOR A POSITIVE US STATEMENT ON ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED AND ALGIERS CONFERENCE. WE THINK SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD ENCOURAGE THE INDIANS TO MAINTAIN A MODERATE POSTURE AT ALGIERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE GOI IN ADVANCE IF WE MAKE THE STATEMENT. MRS. GANDHI IS NOT EXPECTED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC CONCERNS. END SUMMARY.

1. WE WARMLY SECOND SUGGESTION IN REF A THAT USG ISSUE POSITIVE STATEMENT ABOUT ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED IN CURRENT INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL FRAMEWORK PRIOR TO ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. THERE IS CERTAIN MINIMUM LEVEL OF RHETORIC OF SORT HEARD AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE LAST WEEK WHICH UNAVOIDABLE AND WHICH FORECASTS SOME OF FLAVOR LIKELY AT
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THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING. NEVERTHELESS WE AGREE WITH

EMBASSY BELGRADE THAT POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NON-ALIGNED BY THE US MAY ASSIST THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SYMPATHETIC TO US, OR WHO WISH FOR THEIR OWN REASONS TO AVOID STORMY RHETORIC, IN ARGUING PRIOR TO AND AT ALGIERS FOR EMPHASIS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CONCILIATION RATHER THAN DRAWING OF SHARP IDEOLOGICAL LINES.

2. WE THINK INDIA IS ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD WELCOME SUCH MOVE BY US. STATEMENT WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THOSE ELEMENTS IN INDIAN GOVERNMENT WHO WISH TO URGE GOI TO MAINTAIN MODERATE AND MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POSTURE AT ALGIERS. WE DO NOT DISAGREE WITH USUN (REF B) THAT BILATERAL EFFORTS WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO URGE MODERATION IN NON-ALIGNED SUMMITRY ARE DESIRABLE. WE BELIEVE GENERAL PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT BY USG OF SYMPATHY FOR ASPIRATIONS OF NON-ALIGNED NOT INCONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS AND MAY IN SPECIFIC INSTANCES STRENGTHEN WEIGHT GIVEN SUCH REPRESENTATIONS.

3. MRS. GANDHI APPARENTLY DOES NOT NOW PLAN TO GO TO ALGIERS HERSELF BUT WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH. WE HEAR THAT THE SOVIETS ARE UNHAPPY WITH THIS POSSIBILITY AND MAY PRESS HER TO CHANGE HER MIND. IF SHE DOES NOT GO, HER DECISION WOULD REPRESENT LESS A DOWN-PLAYING BY INDIA OF THE NON-ALIGNED FORUM THAN A REACTION TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS. IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS SIGNAL OF THE DEGREE OF DOMESTIC MALAISE AND UNCERTAINTY WHICH BESETS INDIA TODAY AND FORCES MRS. GANDHI TO FOCUS HER ATTENTION ON INTERNAL ISSUES RATHER THAN LUXURIATING IN THE PLEASURES OF INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS. THESE CONCERNS, WE BELIEVE, MAY WELL ADD TO THE PRESSURES ON INDIA, HOWEVER REPRESENTED, TO STICK TO THE MIDDLE AT ALGIERS AND TO AVOID ATTACKS ON THE US (OR TO EMPHASIZE THE ILLS OF BOTH THE GREAT POWERS).

4. IF DEPARTMENT ISSUES A STATEMENT WISHING THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WELL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF TEXT IN ADVANCE. WE WOULD THEN TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM GOI AND CONSULT REGARDING PURPOSE OF OUR STATEMENT AND OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. POSITIVE
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NATURE OF THE US STATEMENT WOULD PROVIDE GOOD STARTING POINT FOR CONSULTATIONS.
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